

## Nunes announces \$3.94 million grant for Visalia

The Department of Commerce has awarded a \$3.94 million grant to the city of Visalia to build a new parking garage in conjunction with the expansion of Kaweah Delta Health Care District Hospital, Rep. Devin Nunes announced.

“It took a lot of leg work to get this grant done, but it was well worth the effort,” Rep. Nunes said. “It is critical that the parking structure is completed in time for the opening of a new medical tower the hospital will build in the near future.”

The federal grant will help pay for a 44,000-square-foot parking garage with approximately 695 spaces located directly across Acequia Street from the proposed new medical tower.

Rep. Nunes met with

officials from the Commerce Department’s Economic Development Administration about the grant and urged them to quickly release it to the city.

“This is very good news for both the city of Visalia and Kaweah Delta District Hospital. We have worked very hard with hospital officials to make their expansion in the downtown area possible,” Visalia Mayor Bob Link said.

“With this federal grant, we can ensure the continued success of the hospital as well as maintain a vibrant downtown for our residents. I believe the City Council and Hospital Board deserve much credit for their collaboration on this vision. I also appreciate the hard work Congressman Devin Nunes did on this project for us.”



A multi-story parking garage in downtown Visalia is critical to the planned expansion of the Kaweah Delta Healthcare District Hospital.

The hospital is the largest employer in the vibrant downtown area. City officials have worked hard over the years to retain the hospital campus in the city center.

## Porterville Fire Dept. gets federal grant

The Porterville Fire Department is getting a \$176,494 federal grant for equipment and safety needs, Rep. Devin Nunes (R-Tulare) announced.

The fire assistance grant is one of several given to communities in Tulare County in the past couple of years. The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFGP) awards one-year grants directly to fire departments to support the nation’s firefighters and the services they deliver.

“Fire prevention and protection is one of the basic and most critical services local governments provide to their citizens. I am glad we are able to help them carry out their missions with the

right kind of training and safety equipment,” Rep. Nunes said.



The grant to Porterville is part of \$750 million in direct assistance to firefighters to improve the effectiveness of firefighting operations, fire-

fighter health and safety programs, and to establish or expand fire prevention programs throughout the United States. The Department of Homeland Security’s Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP) administers the program, in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration.

The grant award comes just days before Rep. Nunes hosts a workshop to help local fire fighting agencies gain a competitive advantage in applying for their share of more than \$600 million in federal grants this coming year.